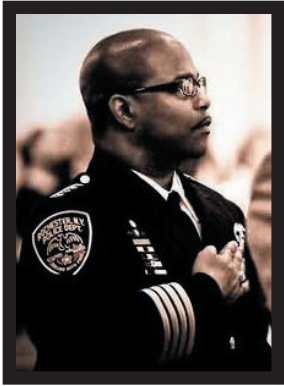


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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF:



Ladies & Gentlemen,

This year's United Way Campaign has begun. Hopefully, you have received your United Way Pledge & Donor Designation forms. I am asking that each of you help to make a difference by donating 1% of your annual income to the United Way. However, if you cannot give 1%, any amount that you can give will be appreciated. It is no secret that the

men and women of the Rochester Police Department are established leaders within this community, dedicated to serving the citizens of the City of Rochester.

Giving to the United Way is an extension of the care and compassion we demonstrate every day. Committed to Policing in the Spirit of Service, stepping up and helping those in need is just another piece of this difficult, yet very important job that we have all taken on. From officers to civilians, it takes all of us working together to build a strong, thriving community, and your gift to United Way will help make that happen.

Every donation to the United Way goes to helping people right here in the greater Rochester community. This means that your money is making a local impact, potentially for your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors who may need your help. The United Way pledges to remain one of the most efficient non-profit organizations in the world, working to govern themselves at the highest degree of accountability and transparency. Together, the men and women of the Rochester Police Department can help maximize the amount of resources designated here in Rochester, and help the citizens of our community and organizations within it that need it most.

Your compassion will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for all you do, and for all you give.

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## RPD CELEBRATES HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15–October 15), the RPD was host to several events in the Public Safety Building Auditorium. The first event, “Lunch with the Law,” featured live music by Primetime Entertainment and Latino foods from “El Latino” Restaurant.



On October 2nd, students from School # 17 performed in the PSB auditorium. They danced salsa and other popular Spanish dances. The students then danced with RPD personnel, excitedly teaching the officers some new dance steps.

On Tuesday, October 9th, officers taught students from School #33 the history of the game of “Dominos”. Together, they will play Dominos.

As you all know, a fundamental philosophy of Chief Sheppard and the Rochester Police Department is community engagement. These activities will allow the Rochester Police Department yet another opportunity to engage with our community and to have positive interactions with our youth.



**“ISLA DEL ENCANTO”  
(LAND OF ENCHANTMENT)**

This painting, “Isla Del Encanto”, created by the son of Ada Santiago from the Victims Assistance Unit, was displayed at City Hall in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Each element in the painting depicts an iconic image of Puerto Rican heritage: “El Coqui” are small, non-poisonous frogs that climb trees at night to sing their mating song; “Flamboyans” are the colorful, umbrella-shaped trees found on the island; “Castillo San Felipe del Morro” (El Morro National Monument) was built in 1539 to protect the city of San Juan from seaborne enemies; oxen were used to haul sugar cane across the fields; “El Jibaro Puertorriqueno” are the mountain people living in the heart of the island, who represent the backbone of the Puerto Rican culture. The Jibaro are known for their bravery, hospitality, self-sufficiency, honesty and pride.



## RPD DOWNTOWN DETAIL –*Captain Peter Leach*

The Downtown Detail is in full swing and building momentum. The RPD has strategies in place to make a significant and positive impact on the quality of life downtown. The goal is for people feel safe living, working and visiting downtown.

### **CORNER POSTS**

Officers are assigned to four corner posts downtown, including Main and State, Main and St. Paul, Main and Clinton, and the Liberty Pole. Officers staffing the corner posts are liaisons to the community that they serve. They are highly visible and approachable, having regular contact with citizens and the business community. Officers have been able to develop relationships with citizens, and have used the information provided by them to develop intelligence and make arrests for various crimes occurring downtown.

### **FOOT AND BIKE PATROLS**

Like the corner posts, these officers also address the quality of life issues that most affect downtown. Officers have been aggressively dealing with panhandlers, open containers, illegal cigarette sales and drug dealing. Bike patrols are able to navigate alleyways, traffic and other areas that conventional vehicles cannot.

### **SEGWAYS**

Segways are alternative vehicles that work well traversing various areas downtown. People are curious about the vehicles and often ask questions about them. This lends to more positive interaction with the community.

### **STRONG COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS**

The Downtown Detail focuses on the importance of working with the community to identify priorities and issues of concern. Supervisors of the Detail and Neighborhood Service Centers (NSCs) meet with business groups and neighbors to hear concerns at monthly PCIC meetings. The RPD is also starting an email tree with area businesses and residences to share information concerning the community.

### **LIBERTY POLE**

The large volume of students waiting for buses at the Liberty Pole in the mornings and afternoons has historically led to issues with fights and disorderly behavior. During these hours, the Downtown Detail and School Resource Officers team up as a visible presence to address these problems. Last year their efforts paid off, and there were considerably fewer incidents.

### **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**

A downtown officer is assigned to traffic enforcement daily, keeping motorists and pedestrians safe through education and enforcement.

### **OFFICE SPACE**

Officers of the Detail have put together a temporary office at the Sibley Building with the help of building management and MCC. The officers painted the office on their own, and found office equipment to furnish the space. The permanent office, still in the planning stages, will be storefront space at the Liberty Pole, that will also likely house NSC.



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## ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT COLLECTS 173 GUNS AS PART OF INMATE INITIATED GUN DROP-OFF PROGRAM

The Rochester Police Department collaborated with inmates of Orleans Correctional Facility, Full Gospel Tabernacle Church and the newly formed Rochester Police Foundation to conduct a Gun Drop on Saturday, September 22nd. A total of 173 guns were collected: 132 handguns and 41 long guns. These guns came from residents from throughout the City of Rochester, Monroe & surrounding counties.

Guns were dropped off by members of the community for various reasons, including several landlords who discovered guns on their property, or people fearing drug-addicted relatives may steal the firearms and sell them to satisfy drug habits. Other guns were turned in with serial numbers scratched out, and one citizen explained that she wanted to turn in a gun because she was afraid that members of her family would use it, or get arrested with it.



The RPD is very pleased with the outcome of the Gun Drop-off program and will be evaluating the possibility of another amnesty Gun Drop-off in the future.

## PAL ACTIVITY UPDATE



### PAL "SKATE WITH A COP"

On Saturday, September 15th, PAL held its first-ever "Skate With A Cop" event. Officers engaged with city youth, aged 6-15, through skateboarding & BMX. The event took place at the Rochester Action Sports Park (R.A.S.P), located at 1044 University Ave.

The goal with all PAL events is to find unique ways to engage with kids, to bridge the gap between police and youth, and to let them know that the members of the Rochester Police Department care.

PAL Volunteers for "Skate With A Cop" included Officers Bing Reeves Jr., Jeff Holmes, Jason Vislay, Joel Hasper, Adam Johnston, Lt. Jeremy Lindauer and Sgt. Rich Waldo.



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## “MEET THE RPD”

*In this section we will feature individual members of the Department, highlighting their careers and interests, both on and off the job.*



**CHRIS MACDONALD,  
SENIOR PAYROLL ASSOCIATE, RPD PERSONNEL**

### **My Career:**

I began my career with the RPD in October 1992, as a Police Information Clerk, working in Teleserve and taking reports over the phone. Shortly afterwards, I moved to City Records, third platoon. I worked in City Records for over five years. In the spring of 1998, I transferred to the Missing Persons Unit, following up on missing persons reports. One year later, I moved to the Special Investigations Section. My job in SIS included various duties of support for the officers. I currently work in the RPD Personnel Unit, and have been there for the past seven years.

### **Why did you want a career with the Rochester Police Department?**

When I first began working for the City it was for a job. But then I became part of the RPD family. Even as a non-sworn employee, I feel proud to be a part of the Department.

### **Tell me about a time in your career when you were most proud to be a member of the RPD?**

I am very proud to be a part of the RPD. One of the first times I remembering feeling that pride was early in my career when an officer died unexpectedly. At such a tragic time, I watched the Department come together and gather to pay respect for that officer. Watching the hundreds of RPD officers and outside agencies line up outside of the church was breath taking. But the pride was when the Commanding Officer of the deceased's unit brought the non-sworn staff of that unit together, and included us in the procession. I was very proud to know the non-sworn were seen as part of "The Family".

### **What are some things you like to do when you're off duty?**

When I am not working I enjoy spending time with my husband and two boys. I frequently run into many of the officers outside of work at hockey rinks, soccer and lacrosse fields as we all watch our favorite teams...our kids' teams! When not running from one kid's event to another, we enjoy spending time relaxing as a family at our cottage on Rushford Lake.

## Remembering Our Fallen Heroes

*Thirteen officers have died in the line of duty over the 193-year-history of the Rochester Police Department.*

*We honor their memory by sharing their stories with members of our department.*

*Our thanks to Capt. Johnston for researching and providing the information.*



**OFFICER HAROLD V. SHAW**

Badge #457

1923–December 11, 1959

On Friday December 11, 1959, Officer Harold V. Shaw was shot and killed by burglary suspects at the Rae Oil Company located at 10 Ambrose Street.

Officer Shaw had discovered a burglary in progress at the Rae Oil Company and radioed for backup. Once backup officers arrived, a perimeter was established with officers watching windows and doors. Officer Shaw entered the oil company through an open south side window. Gunfire erupted at the window that Officer Shaw had entered. Officer Shaw was struck twice, once in the arm and once in the chest. Shaw fell backwards on the floor while returning fire. Police simultaneously heard the sound of glass breaking and saw two men bolt from a broken window. Officers called for these men to halt and gunfire was exchanged with them.

The two suspects were apprehended, and were identified as Edgar Dewey, age 30 and Morris Warlow, age 39. Both suspects were convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to life in Attica State Prison on June 29, 1960. One suspect was released from prison on December 24, 1979. The other suspect was released on November 15, 1984.

Officer Shaw was buried at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery on Tuesday December 15, 1959. Officer Shaw's name appears on Panel 6, E-1, on the National Law Enforcement Memorial located in Washington, D.C.



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**HALLOWEEN 1977**

Officer Frank Gambino

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